



Fig. 1. Metatarsus of *Nysius senecionis*. Fig. 2. Metatarsus of *N. graminicola*. Fig. 3. Head, lateral view, of *N. senecionis*. Reproduced, with permission, from Kirby (1986).

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NOTE ADDED IN PROOF

Additional British records of *Nysius senecionis* (Schilling) (Hemiptera: Lygaeidae) from Hampshire and Kent.—Since the discovery of this new British bug in East Sussex in September 1992 I have kept a sharp look-out for it in other localities. Until August 1996 all attempts to rediscover the species met with failure, but on 8.viii.1996 I found several specimens of *N. senecionis*, including pairs in-cop, on flowers of ragwort *Senecio jacobaea* (L.) growing in sandy soil at Hyde Common near Fordingbridge, South Hampshire, SU1712. On 15.viii.1996 the species was swept in numbers off ragwort at Shorth Heath Common, SU7736, and in a sandy field near The Warren, near Oakhanger, SU7735, both in North Hampshire. Finally, on 30.viii.1996, I found a single male on the ground near ragwort growing on sandy ground near Halling, West Kent, TQ7063. All indications are that *N. senecionis* is now firmly established in many parts of southern England.—PETER J. HODGE, 8 Harvard Road, Ringmer, Lewes, East Sussex BN8 5HJ.

Editorial comment.—It appears that *Nysius senecionis* may be spreading and even be moderately common in some parts of south-east England (P. Kirby, pers. com.) and hemipterists are urged to examine recently caught *Nysius* specimens. The editor would welcome short notes in support of this possible expansion of the bug's range.

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